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## COMMITTEE REPORT

YES:	9
NO:	3

### MR. SPEAKER:

*Your Committee on Public Health, to which was referred House Bill 1540, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill **be amended** as follows:*

- 1       Page 5, line 2, delete "statistic records" and insert "**records, vital**
- 2       **reports, and vital statistics**".
- 3       Page 5, line 32, delete "," and insert ":
- 4       (1) **a vital record that is a certificate or report of a death shall**
- 5       **be made available for inspection and copying fifty (50) years**
- 6       **after the creation of the record; and**
- 7       (2)".
- 8       Page 8, line 20, after "report." insert "**However, information that**
- 9       **may identify a person named in a vital record or report may be**
- 10      **released to:**
- 11      (1) **a person doing a genealogical study; or**
- 12      (2) **a person acting as a representative of the news media (as**
- 13      **defined in IC 5-14-1.5-2(j));**
- 14      **in compliance with rules adopted by the state department under**
- 15      **IC 4-22."**

1 Page 8, line 25, delete "one hundred (100)" and insert "**seventy-five**  
2 **(75)**".

3 Page 8, line 30, after "of" insert "**vital**".

4 Page 8, line 31, after "records," insert "**vital**".

5 Page 8, line 33, after "furnish" insert "**the**".

6 Page 9, line 5, after "of" insert "**vital**".

7 Page 9, line 25, delete "and" and insert "**or**".

8 Page 9, line 25, delete "are" and insert "**is**".

9 Page 9, line 27, delete "and" and insert "**or**".

10 Page 9, line 39, delete "or".

11 Page 9, line 40, delete "." and insert "**; or**

12 **(7) a person:**

13 **(A) conducting a genealogical study; or**

14 **(B) acting as a representative of the news media (as defined**  
15 **in IC 5-14-1.5-2(j));**

16 **in compliance with rules adopted by the state department**  
17 **under IC 4-22."**

18 Page 10, between lines 25 and 26, begin a new line block indented  
19 and insert:

20 **"(7) When:**

21 **(A) a person conducting a genealogical study; or**

22 **(B) a person acting as a representative of the news media**  
23 **(as defined in IC 5-14-1.5-2(j));**

24 **in compliance with a rule adopted by the state department**  
25 **under IC 4-22 proves a documented need for the death**  
26 **certificate."**

27 Page 11, line 2, delete "through fraud or" and insert "**with false or**  
28 **inaccurate information, the state registrar shall withhold issuance**  
29 **of any copy of the certificate pending an investigation by the state**  
30 **registrar. If, upon conclusion of the investigation, false or**  
31 **inaccurate information is not found, copies may be issued. If, upon**  
32 **conclusion of the investigation, false or inaccurate information is**  
33 **found, the state registrar shall remove the certificate from the file**  
34 **until the information is corrected or refer the matter to the**  
35 **appropriate law enforcement authorities if criminal activity is**  
36 **suspected. Upon referral to law enforcement authorities the**  
37 **certificate, evidence, and information gathered by the state**  
38 **registrar"**.

- 1 Page 11, delete lines 3 through 11.
- 2 Page 11, run in lines 2 and 12.  
(Reference is to HB 1540 as introduced.)

**and when so amended that said bill do pass.**

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Representative Brown C